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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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*USSR: Two ranking Soviet atomic energy scientists, now accompanying Emelyanov, head of the Chief Directorate for Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, on a tour of the United States, have commented to a US official concerning Khrushchev's recent assertions that the USSR has nuclear-powered submarines capable of making speeds double those of American nuclear submarines. The scientists claim that the USSR does, in fact, have operational nuclear-powered submarines; that the engines are more powerful than US nuclear submarine power plants, perhaps twice as powerful; but that Soviet engines do not give twice the speed of American nuclear submarines. Such speeds, they say, would require engines eight times as powerful as those of US submarines. Both scientists are reactor specialists; one is A. P. Aleksandrov, head of the reactor division and first deputy chief of the Institute of Atomic Energy of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

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Watch Committee Conclusions: Situations susceptible of direct exploitation by Sino-Soviet bloc action which would jeopardize US interests exist in Laos and in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq.

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Laos: Dissident military activity remains at a low level. However, the insurgents retain a considerable potential for

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guerrilla action, and no decrease in their subversive activities is foreseen at the present time.

Middle East: The situation in Iraq remains unstable, and the possibility of further assassination attempts or coups remains.

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III. THE WEST

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Britain-Cyprus: (The agreement reached on the constitution for Cyprus on 10 November leaves the question of British military bases the only major issue to be resolved before independence. Britain has conditionally offered to reduce by about 20 percent its base areas in Cyprus, thus decreasing the number of included villagers from 4,400 to less than 1,000. Such a concession to Cypriot demands would probably create a favorable atmosphere for final agreement.)

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British Make Concession on Cyprus Bases

(Britain has conditionally offered to reduce by about 20 percent the two military base areas in Cyprus over which it will retain sovereignty. This will decrease the number of Cypriot villagers within base areas from about 4,400 to less than 1,000. The British, however, require a satisfactory agreement on other rights specified in the London agreements of February 1959, including control of other small sites, use of roads, ports, Nicosia airfield, and public utilities, and permission to use certain other areas for troop training. The base proposal was offered on 6 November to the joint committee in London, composed of Greek, Turkish, Cypriot, and British representatives.)

(The agreement reached on the constitution for Cyprus on 10 November by a commission in Nicosia ends a three-month deadlock on executive powers and leaves the base question the only major issue to be resolved before independence. Britain's proposed concession is expected to create a favorable atmosphere for final agreement before the scheduled independence date on 19 February 1960, since Cypriot objections to earlier British proposals had centered on the large number of Cypriots included within the military areas.)

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